

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-20 (canceled)

21. (new) A system for providing status information to a browser facility, the status information being from multiple information servers, the system comprising:

a processor configured to generate a Web page, the Web page containing embedded code for at least partially performing the steps of acquiring status information from the multiple information servers and rendering status images related to the status information received from each of the multiple information servers, wherein the rendering of any one of the status images is not affected by any delay in acquiring status information from any one of the other multiple information servers; and

a browser facility connection for receiving from a browser facility a request for status information from the multiple information servers and for forwarding a Web page to the browser facility.

22. (new) The system of claim 21, further comprising an information server connection for receiving at least some of the status information from the information servers, wherein the Web page further contains at least some of the status information received through the information server connection.

23. (new) The system of claim 21, wherein the embedded code displays the rendered status images as soon as they are individually rendered without regard to whether any one of the other status images are rendered.

24. (new) The system of claim 23, wherein the Web page contains a temporary status image for status images which are delayed in rendering.

25. (new) The system of claim 21, wherein the step of acquiring status information from the multiple information servers includes receiving login information related to one or more of the multiple information servers.

26. (new) The system of claim 25, wherein the login information is an electronic mail login name and password.

27. (new) The system of claim 21, wherein one or more of the multiple information servers is an electronic mail server.

28. (new) The system of claim 21, wherein acquiring status information from each of the multiple information servers is performed on a periodic basis.

29. (new) The system of claim 21, wherein the status images may be in any one of the following formats including GIF, JPEG, and MPEG.

30. (new) The system of claim 21, wherein the request for status information identifies a server side CGI script which renders the status images.

31. (new) The system of claim 21, wherein the browser facility resides in a device selected from a group consisting of a personal computer, a wireless telephone and a personal digital assistant.

32. (new) A system for providing information for display by a browser facility, the information received from multiple information provider sources, the system comprising:

an information provider source connection for receiving status information from each of the multiple information provider sources;

a processor configured to generate a status indicator for each of the multiple information provider sources, by generating an original graphics image for each of the multiple information sources, wherein each respective graphics image contains status information from a corresponding multiple information source, wherein each image is generated without regard to whether any one or more of the multiple information sources is delayed in providing status information; and

a browser facility connection for forwarding the status indicators to the browser facility.

33. (new) The system of claim 32, wherein the status indicators are forwarded as part of a Web page.

34. (new) The system of claim 33, wherein the original graphics images are generated at least partially within source code of the Web page.

35. (new) The system of claim 32, wherein the status information is determined on an ad hoc basis.

36. (new) The system of claim 32, wherein the status indicator for at least one of the multiple information provider sources is a GIF image.

37. (new) The system of claim 32, wherein the multiple information provider sources are Web servers.

38. (new) The system of claim 32, wherein the browser facility resides in a device selected from a group consisting of a personal computer, a wireless telephone and a personal digital assistant.

39. (new) A method for providing a visual representation of information collected from a plurality of information sources for display in a single Web page, the method comprising:  
transmitting from a server to a browser facility the Web page; the Web page containing embedded code for performing the following steps:

procuring the information from the plurality of information sources; and  
displaying the information from each of the plurality of information sources in the Web page, wherein the information is displayed in a plurality of status images, each of which represent a single information source.

40. (new) The method of claim 39, wherein the step of procuring the information from the plurality of information sources comprises receiving at least some of the information from the information sources.

41. (new) The method of claim 39, wherein the step of procuring the information from the plurality of information sources comprises receiving at least some of the information from the server.

42. (new) The method of claim 39, wherein step of procuring the information from the plurality of information sources comprises separately accessing each of the plurality of information sources to acquire the requested information from each of the plurality of information sources.

43. (new) The method of claim 39, wherein the status images are one of GIF, JPG, and MPEG image files.

44. (new) The method of claim 39, wherein the Web page further contains embedded code for automatically updating the status images with new information as provided by each of the plurality of information sources.

45. (new) The method of claim 39, wherein each status image is displayed independently of each of the other status images whereby the display of the Web page is unaffected by a delay in displaying one or more status images.